

Fire Protection Alliance

Resolutions

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Resolution 05-1 **Equipment Standardization**

On February 10, 2005, Alliance member departments resolved that all rescue tools (Hydraulic Rescue Tools- Hurst, Phoenix, etc) will be standardized to use PHOSPHATE ESTER as the hydraulic fluid.

It is noted that mixing hydraulic fluids will destroy o-rings and cause operational problems, thus this standardization will increase tool interconnectivity and reduce the chance of accidental damage to existing rescue tools.

Resolution 05-2 **Operations Standardization**

On February 10, 2005, Alliance member departments resolved that “move-up assignments” are done in the “Available” status. Companies assigned to a specific incident are committed to that particular incident, but companies simply moving from station to station are “available” for response in either (any) district. The Company officer will announce that the company is “available” or “committed” as he/she sees fit.

Note: Company officers will have to announce “Available” or “Committed” on response and/or during other radio transmissions. We can not assume that Rowan will know.

Resolution 05-3 **Equipment Standardization**

On April 14, 2005 the Alliance voted to standardize the members department to use the TOUCH-N-TRACK equipment to provide a means of on-scene accountability. All departments agreed to purchase and use the Touch n track system as all departments obtained same and a guideline was developed.

Resolution 05-4 **Operational Standardization**

On May 12, 2005 the Alliance voted to standardize the Tactical Worksheet that will be used by Incident Commander at scenes of fires and other incidents as needed. The standardized and accepted tactical worksheet will be distributed to all alliance departments at the June 05 meeting.

Resolution 05-6
Operational Standardization

On May 12, 2005 the Alliance voted to standardize the method used to visually notice and identify the on-scene Safety Officer. The alliance members will utilize an Orange Vest with the work SAFETY or SAFETY OFFICER across the back. The officer issued and wearing the SAFETY vest will have full SAFETY OFFICER Authority for all operating units.

Resolution 05-7
Equipment Standardization

On May 12, 2005 the Alliance voted to standardize that the members who purchased stabilization jack systems for vehicle accidents would purchase and use RESCUE JACK system. This system is the same system used by the Rowan County Rescue Squad.

Resolution 05-8
Operations Standardization

On May 12, 2005, The Alliance voted to standardize the CODE RED policy indicating that when necessary, CODE RED will be activated to notify all interior units to evacuate the interior of a building or exterior area due to impending dangers. The Code Red signals will include the words CODE RED transmitted over the working radio channels and long blasts of apparatus air horns. Code Red is an Emergency Traffic condition and will require that all non-essential radio traffic cease. The Code Red policy is distributed to all alliance agencies.

Resolution 05-9
Firefighter Safety

On June 9, 2005 The Alliance departments agreed to refrain from using firefighters with facial hair as interior structural firefighters (1403) or any other activity that requires the use of SCBA. Facial hair would be okay for firefighter's whose duties include driving and operating apparatus and traffic control operations.

Resolution 05-10
Firefighter Safety and Standardized Scene Operations

On June 9, 2005 The Alliance Departments agreed to make all attempts to refrain from splitting up companies/work crews during emergency operations. Crews should be kept in tact to facilitate emergency scene accountability and firefighter safety. This action will be essential as the Touch N Track is in place.

Resolution 05-11**Firefighter Safety and Standardized Scene Operations**

On June 09, 2005, The Alliance agreed and approved the Rapid Intervention Crew policy as submitted by the Locke Fire Department. RICs will be utilized at all incidents that require firefighters to enter into areas that are dangerous to life and health (IDLH). It was noted that Locke Fire Department is well equipped and provides on-going training to its members to provide a rapid intervention crew on a mutual aid basis.

Resolution 05-12**Standardized Response**

On October 20, 2005, The Alliance Departments agreed and voted to respond to automatic alarms in the following fashion. The First Due unit(s) will respond in an Emergency Traffic mode, and supporting and subsequent units will respond in a Routine Traffic mode. This is for Automatic Alarms with no other information available. If available information indicates that there may be an actual fire. All units may upgrade response modes to Emergency Traffic.